

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

The above-identified patent application has been amended and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and again examine the claims.

On page two of the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, it is indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 14, 2000 did not include copies of the non-patent literature. Applicant's records indicate that copies of the non-patent literature were submitted with the February 14, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement. However, applicants resubmit copies of the 3 non-patent documents which have not yet been considered in an Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith. It is submitted that no fee should be required in connection with the attached Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to the Deposit Account 50-0845.

Accordingly, consideration of the cited references is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to because they do not include reference signs 122 and 134. Applicants submit herewith a copy of Figure 4A showing the addition of reference signs 122 and 134 marked in red. The addition of the reference signs brings Figure 4A in line with the specification at page 12 and does not add any new matter. Accordingly, approval of the proposed change to Figure 4A is respectfully requested.

The specification was objected to because of an informality on page 13. Applicants have amended the specification to correct an inadvertent typographical error on line 7 of page 13 as indicated above.

Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 11 were rejected as being anticipated by "LNBP22: LNB Supply and Control IC with Step-Up Converter and 12C Interface" Data sheet of ST, pages 1-10, V.3.2 published in December 1998," referred to hereinafter as the LNBP22 reference. Applicants



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submit herewith Declarations of the invention under 37 CFR §1.131 evidencing conception of the claimed invention prior to the date of the LNBP22 reference coupled with diligence from prior to the date of the LNBP22 reference to the November 17, 1999 filing date of the subject application. Accordingly, it is submitted that the LNBP22 reference has been effectively removed and therefore, the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-9, and 11 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 4-6, 10 and 12-14 have been rejected as being obvious over a combination of the LNBP22 reference with other references. In view of the attached Declarations under 37 CFR §1.131, it is submitted that these rejections also should be removed.

As the claims and the entire case are believed to be in condition for allowance, an indication thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845.

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Attachments: One sheet of drawings (FIG. 4A) with changes marked in red.

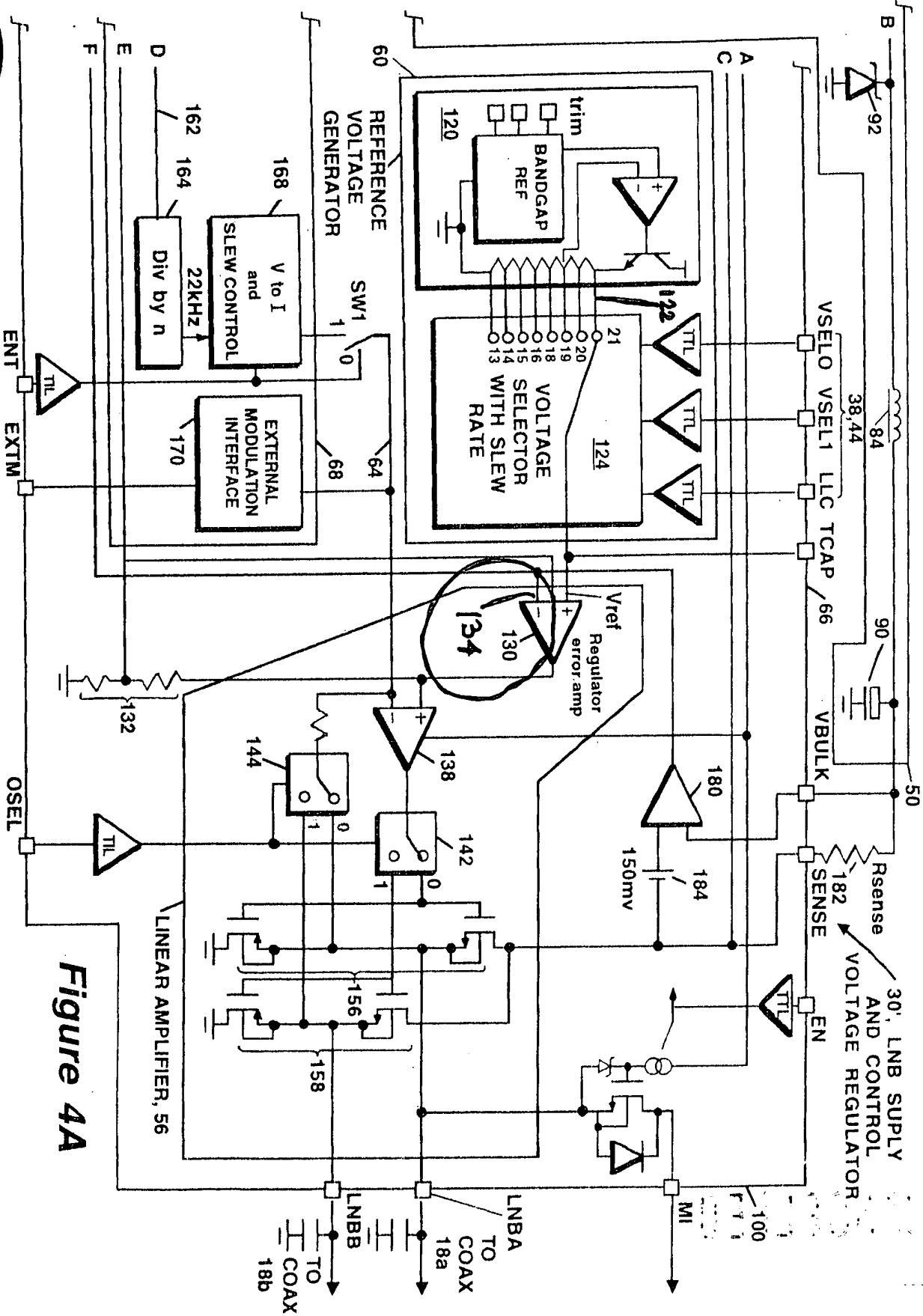


Figure 4A